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CIA COMMENTS THAT IF SHIPMENTS TO A SPECIFIC COUNTRY WERE UNDER DEBATE, EGYPT WOULD BE A CANDIDATE. THE SOVIETS ARE CLEARLY DISPLEASED WITH EGYPT'S INDEPENDENT COURSE IN THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS, PARTICULARLY ITS WARMING RELATIONS WITH WASHINGTON. A SUSPENSION OF MILITARY SHIPMENTS TO EGYPT MIGHT BE DESIGNED TO MAKE THIS DISSATISFACTION CLEAR AND TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL SOVIET LEVERAGE ON THE EGYPTIAN NEGOTIATION POSITION AT THE COMING GENEVA CONFERENCE.

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FAISAL ORDERS PETROLEUM NINISTER HOME: ON DECEMBER 11. KING FAISAL INSTRUCTED MINISTER OF PETROLEUM YAMANI TO RETURN FROM WASHINGTON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE SAUDI ARABIA WANTS TO CONVENE A CONFERENCE OF ARAB FOREIGN AND PETROLEUM MINISTERS AT THE END OF DECEMBER. (FAZIO)

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POSSIBLE AMNESTY IN CHILE: ONE OF THE SANTIAGO PAPERS HAS CITED UNDEFICIAL BUT "WELL-INFORMED" SOURCES CLOSE TO THE GOVERNING JUNTA AS SAYING THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT WILL DECLARE A CHRISTMAS AMNESTY FOR "POLITICAL PRISONERS" WHO HAVE NOT PARTICIPATED IN ACTUAL TERRORIST PLANS OR ACTIVITIES. OUR EMBASSY BELIEVES IT UNLIKELY THAT A CENSORED PAPER WOULD PRINT A STORY ON SUCH A SENSITIVE SUBJECT UNLESS PERMITTED TO DO SO BY THE GOVERNMENT. THE RELEASE OF SOME DETAINEES EVEN IF TIED TO HOUSE ARREST OR EXILE WOULD BE WELCOMED IN MODERATE CIRCLES IN CHILE AND COULD ALSO PROBABLY IMPROVE THE GOVERNMENT'S IMAGE ABROAD. (BROWNELL)

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